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Anne,

Please thank Peter Bodde and your team for all the effort that went into my June visit. I benefited immensely from my time there and I thank everyone for their hard work every day and your forthrightness during my visit. I particularly appreciated hearing from your entry level officers and the principal officers from around the country. As you have already seen, you will be leading a great team.

A visit like this is a big undertaking for any post, and having Admiral Fallon and Richard Boucher there at the same time did not make it any easier. I want to thank, in particular, Rachael Doherty for her exceptional efforts. Many others were also critical; please pass my appreciation on to all of them.

I look forward to returning this fall.

John  
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